

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Fairfax County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

January 24, 2014 to February 18, 2014

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOI/National Park Service

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The National Park Service (NPS or applicant) has submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dyke Marsh Wetland Restoration and Long-term Management Plain in Fairfax County. The purpose of the plan is to develop and implement actions for the restoration and long-term management of the tidal freshwater marsh and other associated wetland habitats that have been lost or impacted in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve at George Washington Memorial Parkway on the Potomac River. The DEIS evaluates three alternatives, including a "no action" alternative. The preferred alternative (Alternative C) is intended to achieve hydrologic restoration and wetland restoration to the fullest possible extent on up to 245 acres of various wetland habitats using a phased approach. The initial phase would stabilize the marsh by installing a breakwater on the southern edge of the historic promontory and restoring marsh in the outline of the historic promontory and along the edge of existing marsh to wherever the water is less than 4 feet deep (approximately 40 acres). Future phases would continue marsh restoration within the historic boundaries of the marsh, including an optional 20-acre restoration cell in the area currently serving as mooring for the marina, which would only be implemented should the marina concession no longer be economically viable. In addition to the DEIS, the NPS has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

### **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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